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Subject: Comments on the City of Seattle Environmental Critical Areas

Regulations Update

Dear Mr. Mayhew:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the update. I also appreciate the department's hard work. However, I recommend the following changes to strengthen the update:

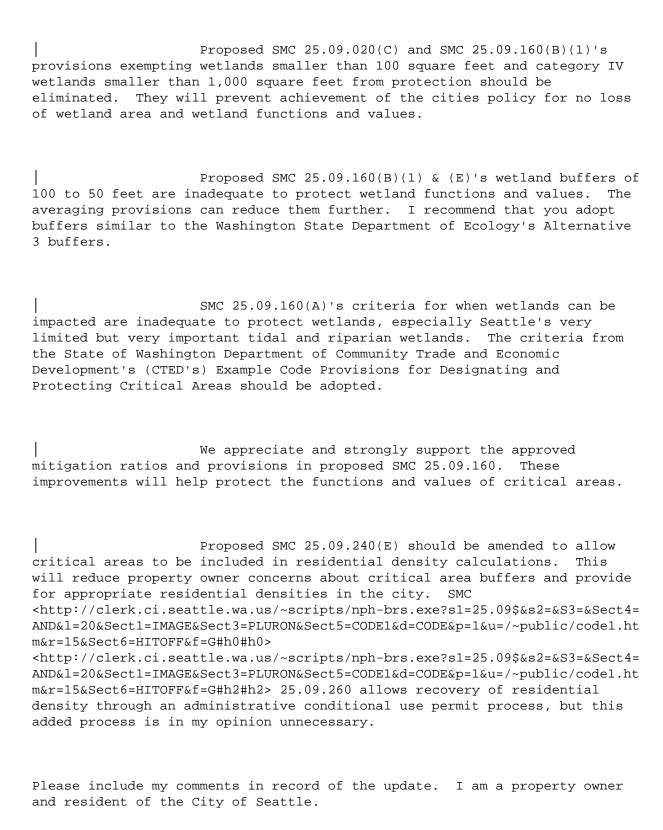
Proposed SMC 25.09.200(D) provides that "the Director may condition development on parcels containing wildlife habitat to encourage preserving contiguous fish or wildlife habitat corridors." This language should be changed to provide that the Director shall condition development on parcels containing wildlife habitat or their buffers to protect the functions and values contiguous fish or wildlife habitat corridors.

Seattle must adopt buffer provisions to protect its salt water shorelines with appropriate provisions for port facilities, marinas, docks, and maintaining views.

Seattle needs to adopt a buffer for type 1 waters. These include Seattle's important salmon rivers such as the Duwamish River. This is required to protect the rivers functions and values and water quality. It is also required by the Growth Management Act.

The type 2 through 5 stream buffers in proposed SMC 25.09.200(A)(3)(d)(1) are too narrow to provide adequate protection for salmon streams and the wildlife functions of riparian corridors. The important functions of these areas and the buffers needed to protect them are detained in the Washington State Department of Fish and Wildlife's Management Recommendations for Washington's Priority Habitats: Riparian on the CAO on CD.

I support provisions and incentives to provide for better buffers during redevelopment.



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